

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

ADRIAN LAMAR BRINSON,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	CV423-039
)	
SGT. BRITTANY BEARD and)	
OFFICER STRICKLAND,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

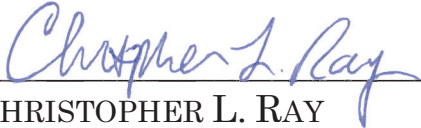
ORDER

Given *pro se* plaintiff Adrian Lamar Brinson’s filing of multiple pleadings in this case, the Court stayed it and directed him to file a single Amended Complaint. *See* doc. 23. He has now complied with that instruction, although it is not clear that he complied timely.¹ *See* doc. 27.

¹ “Under the ‘prison mailbox rule,’ a *pro se* prisoner’s court filing is deemed filed on the date it is delivered to prison authorities for mailing.” *Williams v. McNeil*, 557 F.3d 1287, 1290 n. 2 (11th Cir. 2009). “Absent evidence to the contrary . . ., [courts] will assume that [a prisoner’s filing] was delivered to prison authorities on the day he signed it . . .” *Washington v. United States*, 243 F.3d 1299, 1301 (11th Cir. 2001). Brinson’s signature is dated, impossibly, “nov 14 2023.” *See* doc. 27 at 15. He has also included a cover letter with his Amended Complaint that suggests that he might seek a retroactive extension of his deadline. *See id.* at 16. The envelope in which he submitted his Amended Complaint is postmarked September 28, 2023. *See id.* at 18. Given those ambiguities, the Court will not take any action *sua sponte* concerning the timeliness of Brinson’s compliance. However, to the extent that any defendant wishes to challenge the Amended Complaint’s propriety, they remain free to seek any relief they deem appropriate.

Since Brinson has arguably complied with the Court's instructions, the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to **LIFT** the Stay. *See* doc. 23. Defendants are **DIRECTED** to file any pleadings responsive to the Amended Complaint by no later than October 19, 2023. *Cf.* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(3).

SO ORDERED, this 6th day of October, 2023.



CHRISTOPHER L. RAY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA